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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group:: 3632 }
Atty. Docket: 8266-0371 }
Applicants: Metz, et al. }
Title: MEDICAL DEVICE }
 SUPPORT ASSEMBLY }
Serial No.: 09/629,524 ✓ }
Filed: August 1, 2000 }
Examiner: Chan, K. }

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of August 5, 2002, please amend the above-noted application as indicated below and consider the remarks found herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a version of the claims as amended is submitted herein, and a marked up version showing the amendments to the claims is submitted contemporaneously herewith as

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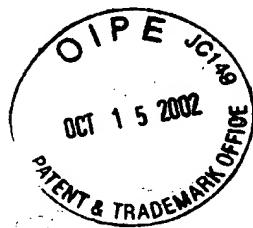
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Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	87	87	0	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	13	13	0	\$84	\$0
If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.			SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	NO	\$0
TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$0

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An Extension of Time for _____ month(s) is hereby requested
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A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the total fee for this
 amendment is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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